

Compound (3) (3.45 g) was heated in a flask at  $T = 210^{\circ}\text{C}$  (temperature of the outer oil bath) for 2 hours under stirring. After cooling at room temperature and evaporation under vacuum, 3.45 g of (4) was ~~were~~ obtained (0.0054 mol) sufficiently pure to be used without further purifications.

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